

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS:**

Claims 1 to 18 cancelled.

19. (new) A walker comprising:

a frame;  
front wheels mounted to said frame;  
rear wheels mounted to said frame;  
a first gripping member mounted to said frame; and  
a second gripping member mounted to said frame, wherein  
said first and said second gripping members are disposed for  
displacing the walker in a walking direction, said first and  
second gripping members being structured to assume a first  
position in which they are substantially parallel to said  
walking direction and to pivot into a second position in which  
they are substantially transverse to said walking direction,  
wherein ends of said gripping members cooperate or are  
proximate to each another in said second position.

20. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein said first and second gripping members can be locked in said first position, in said second position, and/or in intermediate positions.

21. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein each of said first and said second gripping members has a locking section in a region of a free end thereof, which is configured in such a fashion that, in said second position, said locking sections have members which face

each other and which can be locked to each other by means of a locking element, said locking element engaging in at least portions of said locking sections.

22. (new) The walker of claim 21, wherein said locking sections have seating surfaces which cooperate with another in said second position.
23. (new) The walker of claim 21, wherein said locking sections define seating surfaces which are substantially perpendicular to a pivot axis of said first and second gripping members.
24. (new) The walker of claim 22, wherein said locking element is captured in one of said locking sections and is disposed under spring tension in such a fashion as to project beyond said seating surface of one said locking section, wherein said spring tension urges said locking element out of said one locking section.
25. (new) The walker of claim 24, wherein a locking section in which said locking element is not disposed has a locking receptacle for at least partial engagement of said locking element in a locked position thereof.
26. (new) The walker of claim 25, wherein said locking section having said locking receptacle has a releasing element with which said locking element can be displaced, in opposition to said spring tension, out of said locked position into an unlocked position.

27. (new) The walker of claim 26, wherein said locking element is captured in said locking section and is spring loaded against said releasing element, wherein application of pressure by a user against said releasing element moves said locking element out of said locked position into said unlocked position.
- 28 (new) The walker of claim 26, wherein said locking element and said releasing element are collinearly disposed in said locked position and are substantially parallel to a pivot axis of said gripping members and/or perpendicular to said seating surfaces of said locking sections.
29. (new) The walker of claim 26, wherein said locking element is configured as a locking bolt and/or said releasing element is configured as a releasing bolt.
30. (new) The walker of claim 26, wherein said locking section having said locking receptacle has an introductory bevel configured to displace said locking element in opposition to pretension and into said locking section when said first and said second gripping members are pivoted into said second position and prior to a point in time in which said locking element snaps into said locking receptacle in response to spring pretension.
31. (new) The walker of claim 30, wherein said locking section which does not have an introductory bevel has a shape which is complementary to that of said introductory bevel such that said first

and said second gripping members substantially form a closed surface in a locked state thereof.

32. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein said front wheels and said rear wheels are offset relative to each other, perpendicular to the walking direction.
33. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein said front wheels are disposed on front frame portions and said rear wheels are disposed on rear frame portions, wherein said rear frame portions can be pivoted from a use position into a storage position proximate to said front wheels, wherein either said rear wheels are separated from a support surface of the walker in said storage position of said rear frame portion, or said front wheels are separated from a support surface of the walker in said storage position of said rear frame portions.
34. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein said front wheels said rear wheels and/or axes of rotation thereof can be brought into mutual alignment, wherein a diameter of said front wheels can differ from a diameter of said rear wheels.
35. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein a seat member is disposed and supported on an intermediate element in a substantially horizontal use position and structured for displacement out of said use position into a storage position.

36. (new) The walker of claim 19, wherein the walker has a transport container.